

Two plants had lanceolate to linear and entire leaves and are referable to the forma *ruppiana* (Wallr.) G. Beck. Our collection extends the known range westward from Missouri.

Rudbeckia grandiflora (D. Don) DC. CHEROKEE CO.: blue-stem prairie hay meadow, 8 miles west of Baxter Springs, June 18, 1960. *R. L. McGregor 15752*.

The range of this species is extended west from Missouri and north from Oklahoma. Though previously reported from Kansas by Stevens (Kans. Wild Flowers, Univ. of Kans. Press, 1947) his determination was based on a dwarf form of *R. subtomentosa*. — DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY, THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS, LAWRENCE.

ERAGROSTIS CURVULA FROM ILLINOIS. — The spontaneous appearance and subsequent collection of an introduced plant is not likely to prompt comment unless it is useful or an unwelcome arrival. However, the presence of *Eragrostis curvula* (Schrad.) Nees in an Illinois locality may be of some interest to conservationists. This perennial South African bunchgrass was first introduced in the southwestern U. S. in 1934. Since it is easily established from seed there is little reason to doubt its spread from areas of previous introduction. This writer has no reports of *E. curvula* from other areas in Illinois or from adjacent areas.

The collector of the Illinois specimens is R. T. Rexroat who stated in habitat notes that the grass was "growing in sand on the east side of woods and in a tight clump up to a foot across." It seems from Rexroat's observations that the plants had been there for some time and have persisted. According to information from the collector there were no "conservation area" plantings in the vicinity. The grass was not likely to have been deliberately seeded in that particular area. Identity was verified by Dr. Jason Swallen. Collection data: Morgan County, Illinois, east of Meredosia. Sept. 21, 1960, *R. T. Rexroat 7214, 7214A*. Specimens are deposited in herbaria of the Illinois State Museum and the U. S. National Museum. — GLEN S. WINTERRINGER, ILLINOIS STATE MUSEUM, SPRINGFIELD.